

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A traction assembly comprising a wheel comprising a wheel shaft and traction means which, while in operation, exert torque on the wheel shaft, wherein the traction ratio, being the arm of the torque divided by a radius of the wheel is larger than 0.57.

2. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 1, wherein the traction ratio is larger than 0.65.

3. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 2, wherein the traction ratio is larger than 0.7.

4. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 3, wherein the traction ratio is smaller than 1.0.

5. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 1, wherein the traction means comprises an electric motor.

6. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 5, wherein the electric motor is a synchronous motor provided with permanent magnets.

7. (Original) The traction assembly according to claims 5 Or 6, wherein the electric motor comprises a stator provided with windings which with respect to a vehicle are statically arranged in the vehicle and a rotor provided with permanent magnets.

8. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 7, comprising operating and control means for the operation of the electric motor within the stator.

9. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 8, wherein the rotor is arranged coaxially with the stator and connected to a drive shaft of the electric motor.

10. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 1, wherein the traction means are mounted adjacent to the wheel.

11. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 1, wherein the traction means comprise a drive shaft, and the drive shaft and the wheel shaft are situated in line, in each other's extension.

12. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 1, wherein the traction means comprises a drive shaft, and the drive shaft directly drives the wheel shaft.

13. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim 12, wherein the drive shaft is the wheel shaft.

14. (Original) The traction assembly according to claim7, wherein the permanent magnets are connected to the wheel shaft.

15.-16. (Cancelled)